

1731

PATENT
Docket No.: 52828USA8A.002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#4/BM
#2-00

In re Application of:

PHILIP D. EITZMAN ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/415,291

Filed: October 8, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MAKING A FIBROUS ELECTRET
WEB USING A WETTING LIQUID
AND AN AQUEOUS POLAR LIQUID



Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

RECEIVED
DEC 16 1999
101100 MAIL ROOM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith that is to be demonstrated before this Office, enclosed are copies of the documents cited on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following U.S. Patent Applications:

1. U.S. Application Serial No. 09/415,216 to Eitzman et al., filed October 8, 1999, entitled *Method Of Making A Fibrous Electret Web Using A Nonaqueous Polar Liquid*.
2. U.S. Application Serial No. 09/415,566 to Angadjivand et al., filed October 8, 1999, entitled *Method And Apparatus For Making A Nonwoven Fibrous Electret Web From Free-Fiber And Polar Liquid*.
3. U.S. Application Serial No. 08/941,270 to Rousseau et al., filed October 1, 1997, entitled *Electret Articles And Filters With Increased Oily Mist Resistance*.
4. U.S. Application Serial No. 08/941,945 to Rousseau et al., filed October 1, 1997, entitled *Electret Fibers And Filter Webs Having A Low Level Of Extractable Hydrocarbons*.
5. U.S. Application Serial No. 08/941,864 to Rousseau et al., filed October 1, 1997, entitled *Method Of Making Electret Articles And Filters With Increased Oily Mist Resistance*.

6. U.S. Application Serial No. 09/224,964 to Rousseau et al., filed January 4, 1999, entitled *Compounds Useful As Resin Additives*, which is a division of U.S. Serial No. 08/982,687, which is a division of U.S. Patent No. 5,908,598.

7. U.S. Application Serial No. 09/982,687 to Rousseau et al., filed December 2, 1997, entitled *Compounds Useful As Resin Additives*, which is a division of U.S. Patent No. 5,908,598.

8. U.S. Application Serial No. 09/111,833 to Angadjivand et al., filed September 2, 1997, entitled *Method Of Charging Electret Filter Media*, which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/591,217 (now abandoned), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 5,496,507, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/107,517 (now abandoned).

9. U.S. Application Serial No. 08/865,362 to Angadjivand et al., filed May 29, 1997, entitled *Electret Filter Media*, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/107,517 (now abandoned).

10. U.S. Application Serial No. 09/109,497 to Jones et al., filed July 2, 1998, entitled *Fluorinated Electret*.

Dated this 7th day of December, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,



Karl G. Hanson
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 32,900

Office of Intellectual Property Counsel
3M Innovative Properties Company
3M Center, P.O. Box 33427
St. Paul, Minnesota 55133-3427
Telephone: (651) 736-7776
Facsimile: (651) 736-3833

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 I certify that this correspondence is being deposited on the date indicated below with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to:
Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231



Karl G. Hanson

Dated: December 7, 1999